

ALBERTA ELKS NEWS

1st EARLY BIRD DRAW WINNER RAFFLE #53 - License #576435



The Alberta Elks Foundation Raffle held it's first draw on February 10th for the first Early Bird prize and congratulations are going out to Olga S from Camrose. Olga purchased her ticket from the Rosalind Elks Lodge.

Congratulations again Olga, and Thank You for supporting the Alberta Elks

Do you have your ticket yet? There is still time to get your name in before the next Early Bird prize draw, you can purchase one here;

<https://elksfalconberta.ca/info/raffle-information>
Or connect with your local Elks Lodge

E-Transfer Reminder



Effective now the Alberta Elks Association are able to accept E-transfers!!
Instructions for setting up -

Recipient - Alberta Elks Association
Email Address - elks.secretary@abelks.org
Security Question - Where is our office?
Answer - Bentley

It would be appreciated that when you E-transfer you provide an explanation about the funds being sent (eg. Dues or Toy Drive) so the amount can be coded to the correct account.

PLEASE NOTE - this is NOT to be used for donations to the Alberta Elks Foundation.

Looking for Something to do This Weekend, Head to Stettler for the Elks National Curling Championships

ELKS PLAY DOWNS 2022									
Mixed/Ladies				PLAYOFFS					
#	TEAM	Location	Thurs 11:00 AM Team # Sheet	Thurs 3:00 PM Team # Sheet	Thurs 7:00 PM Team # Sheet	Fri 10:00 AM Team # Sheet	Fri 2:00 PM Team # Sheet	Sat 10:00 AM Team # Sheet	Sat 1:30 PM Team # Sheet
1	Lorne Schulte	Heiser	3-18 B	1-18 C	1-2 A	2-3 E	1-4 E		
2	Sandy Krauschek	Hodgeville SK	2-4 C		3-4 F		2-18 A		
3	Kevin Tutill	Elk Horn MB							
4	Wayne Bateman	Stavely							
18	Mary Ohlbeiser	Stavely							
Masters/Seniors									
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5	Larry Berg	Delburne	6-10 D	5-6 B	5-10 C	8-11 C	6-11 D		
6	Ron Urbanowski	Olds		7-8 D	7-11 B		5-8 F		
7	Roy Jamieson	Delburne					7-10 C		
8	Mickey Heiser	Heiser							
10	Dennis Weber	Castor							
11	Wayne Anderson	Stavely							
Mens									
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12	Neil Morrow	Stettler	12-13 E	16-17 E	12-17 D	12-15 B	13-14 B		
14	Garry Brandt	Viking	15-16 A		14-15 E	13-16 D			
15	Matt Knight	Crossfield				14-17 A			
16	Avery Turner	Barons							
17	Lee Fowler	Halkirk							

Stettler Elks Lodge #92 is hosting the National Curling Championships March 3-6!

They are welcoming 17 teams including teams from Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Banquet will take place Friday Night with championship games taking place on Saturday.

Thank you members of the Stettler lodge for taking on the task of hosting curling this year. Best wishes for a successful weekend!



Imagine it....

A scream during the night, or a call from the school, no matter how it happens you were not expecting it to happen... your child is sick. You take them to the hospital and they are immediately admitted. You stay a night, or two by your child's side comforting them the best you can but there is no mention of a discharge date. Friends and family step in to help with your other children, but the sad reality parents face is life does not stop, the world doesn't stop turning. Your other children still need you, bills still need to be paid. For a lot of parents this means the heartbreaking reality of kids being left in the care of the nurses and volunteers at the hospital for a good portion of their day.

How can we help?

While we can't fix their situation, nor can we change it, but we do have the opportunity to add comfort to the day. The Alberta Children's Hospital sees 100,000 kids per year, chances are you know one of them, some way, some how. This year in lieu of our traditional Alberta Elks Association Toy Drive, we are asking for donations towards audiobooks. By equipping the Alberta Children's Hospital with audio players, and a series of books it will ensure all kids, no matter their age, can have the comfort of a book being read to them. What a remarkable gift to give as the Alberta Children's Hospital celebrates 100 years of giving.

Supporting the Cause...

The Communications Committee of the Alberta Elks Association is running this year's annual Alberta Elks Toy Drive March 1, 2022 - May 1, 2022. In this time our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 to purchase the audio players and a variety of audio books. Purchasing of both the players and books will be left to the care of the Alberta Children's Hospital. As in the past we do encourage lodges of the Alberta Elks Association do a project such as a dinner, breakfast, or activity to help raise funds towards the toy drive.

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Association, and the Alberta Elks Communication Committee we would like to personally thank you for your time and consideration towards this project. We only wish we could take each and everyone of you along to make the donations as that is where the true magic happens. This year we are focusing specifically on one hospital as they approached us with a wish, and being its their 100th Anniversary we thought what better gift to give. If you or your lodge has any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email at elks.secretary@abelks.org

Alberta
Children's
Hospital
Foundation

Please send donations to
Alberta Elks Association
Po Box 445
Bentley Alberta
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Another milestone for one of the Carstairs Elks #556



Another great meeting at the lodge with a great turnout of 25 brothers and sisters. It was Life Time Award for his continued help and support in the community. Brother Dennis has been with the ELK's for 49 years

Stavely Elks Supporting the Arts



ER Moon presenting a cheque for \$500 to Dana McLeod and Carmelle Steele from the Claresholm Arts Society for a production of "The Music Man".

Stavely, Proudly Supporting Surrounding Communities



Stavely ER Gordon Moon, presents \$4000.00 to Tara Bishof, director of the Claresholm & District Health Foundation. Coach Colin Eskeland also accepts a cheque for \$1300.00 for tournament entry fee for Nanton Palomino U15 team to compete in Pincher Creek. (Team: Sante Anchoris, Kaden Smith, Sergi Prior, Jace Campbell, Karson Eskeland, Jace Flitton)

Carstairs Elks #556 Being AWESOME



It is great to have an organization that supports the young people in our community. The Carstairs ELK's have donated to Dawns School of Dance that will be travelling to Nashville to compete in a dance competition. Leading Knight Erik Vester making a donation to help with the purchase of matching uniforms

Carstairs Elks #556 Spreading Community Joy



Carstairs Elks #556 is out spreading joy in their community! It is great to be supporting the Heritage Festival again this year. They have carried over our \$1,000.00 donation from last year.

Stavely Elks, Insuring the Show Goes On



Treasurer Dennis Gillespie presenting a cheque to Stavely Indoor Rodeo Chairman Kim Cochlan for the Junior events at the rodeo.

Family Day FUN in Breton



Breton Elks participated in some FUN with Breton and Area FCSS the Breton Agricultural Society and Brighter Futures; Thank you to the Breton Elks, Breton Agricultural Society, and Brighter Futures for partnering on our Family Day Activities. Although we had to reschedule it turned out to be a great winter festival.

I am what survives of me

Written by Sister Meghan Pollard,
Fort Saskatchewan Elks No. 399

*"What you leave behind is not what is
engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others." Pericles*



If you look up 'legacy' in the dictionary you will see a few different meanings. One is a gift of money or property. Another is something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past. If you ask your friends or family what family legacy means to them, you may get a different answer from each of them. To some, it means their family genealogy and history. To others, it may be a list of things that they have accomplished in their lives. Things like values or life lessons that were handed down to them by their parents or grandparents, like a set of character traits or skills. In other words, family legacy usually means the accomplishments, beliefs, actions and guidance you demonstrate in your lives that carry forward to future generations in a fashion which allow those family members to adopt and adapt them to make their lives meaningful and fruitful. Seems super simple right?

But building a family legacy isn't just about "stuff", its about building something that lives on through the generations. So how do you make your legacy come alive in a tangible way? Sometimes it's as simple as asking yourself a few simple questions. Who are you? What are your beliefs, values, traditions and experiences? What do you hope to give back? And the biggest one for me, what are your charitable community and mentoring activities?

I come from a HUGE family of volunteers, men and women who have shaped my sense of community and drive to make my small corner of the world a better place for everyone while giving back. My Grandparent's instilled within our family a sense of community spirit. They taught my Dad and my Uncle who in turn passed it on to the children who watched closely and listened intently. We saw their deeds go with unspoken acknowledgement, sometimes with a hug or a smile, often time tears. It taught me to look past the needing to be seen for my actions to wanting to do them even if no one other than myself knew that I did it.

I have a unique perspective when it comes to the Elks, so many of my childhood memories are Elks related. How many kids do you know can say their Grandfather used to sit in for Santa. I remember my Dad in his whites heading out the door for Patrol Team competitions, installations, meetings, inter lodge visits, Remembrance Day, and Parades. My weekends were spent running around with my cousins at ball tournaments and BBQ's or picnic's. I watched my Grandfather curl at Bonspiel's or play in dart tournaments and attended many dances and anniversaries over the decades. All these memories centered around the belief that giving back brought you so much in return, the comraderies and friendships that were created by helping just one single person made your life that much sweeter.

I was taught by example to take what was important to me and teach it to someone else, whether that was cooking or knitting or volunteering my time to listen to someone and hold their hand for a moment. I volunteered my time as a student in high school with Robin Hood and special needs students and at a senior's center in the tuck shop and eventually, once I'd graduated from high school, decided on nursing as a step. So, I became a nurse for a time, for over 10 years I dedicated my life to helping others through my touch and my heart. Then, in 2004, I became a mother for the first time and I learned of the sacrifices that a parent makes for their children, all of them I would do again in a heartbeat. I learned what being a special needs mother means and watched how my children changed my world and how they changed the world around them. I learned how to be humble and ask for help, even when I thought I was too proud to admit I needed it. I also learned how to see past the hurt and into the hearts of those that needed the help but didn't have the heart left to ask anymore, too tired and disheartened to know what to do anymore. It was there, during some of my darkest days, that I found some of my passion and my voice began to get louder.

I began to evaluate how I wanted my life to touch others, how did I want to change my world? What did I have in me to give back and how? Essentially, I was back to those small questions of who am I and what are my beliefs? I knew I wanted to help, I was a helper by nature. Well I also had a voice; so how could I use that to help? It seems that the people most influential in my life helped me find my voice. Some of you may be surprised but I am the shy one in my family, I know it's SHOCKING!

I was never pressured into joining the Elks by anyone in my family, it was always just presented as an option. My Uncle Gordon asking if I was interested, usually about once or twice a year. In July 2013 my Dad, Jim McLeod, became the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of Canada, and I decided to join as an official member of the Elks of Canada. In November of 2013 I joined the Fort Saskatchewan Elks Lodge #399 as their first female member. My Uncle Gordon was my sponsor that night and my Dad did my official obligation. I hit the ground running and I'm sure my fellow members are still wondering what whirlwind had blown through their doors. I found my voice in 2014 when I joined the National Membership Committee and began to enact change within the organization at a national level. The Elks has helped me grow in so many ways. Being able to connect personally and professionally with so many and help families across Alberta and Canada makes me proud to be a member of such an amazing organization. I firmly believe that this would not have been possible without the strong family roots that I have formed around the Elks of Canada, roots that tied me to a strong foundation and helped me to develop my sense of self. It helped me to shape the idea of how I could leave my mark on anything that I did. From something as small as holding open the door for the person behind me to planning a BBQ to fundraise for a community project. I know that I want my life to matter and for it to touch at least one person beyond myself before I am done with this life.

It is said that when Robin Williams died, Steve Martin called him "a mensch." I never met him but can only surmise that everyone that met him probably considered Robin Williams to be a very funny man and amazingly kind. Mr. Martin calling him a mensch is the greatest of eulogies because a mensch is a person who is "decent and honorable, a person of high integrity who has genuine caring for his fellow man". A mensch always looks for an opportunity to do good in life, to be of help to others and to give without regard for anything in return. A mensch doesn't cut corners in their relationships with people. You always feel safe in the presence of a mensch because you instinctively know that they will not deceive you, undermine you or diminish you in any way.

That is the Legacy I want to leave behind when I am gone from this earth, that is what I want my children, friends and those closest to me to say, that I "always looked for an opportunity to do good in life, to be of help to others and to give without regard for anything in return". That to me is #ElksProud.

Sister Meghan Pollard
Fort Saskatchewan Elks Lodge #399
Member Services Committee

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BROOKS WELCOME BACK CONFERENCE 2022

June 2-5, 2022



ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2022



You are invited to attend the Alberta Elks Association and Alberta Elks Foundation Conference in Brooks, Alberta. The Conference will be held starting Thursday June 2 (6:00 pm) to Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Post Covid Conference Building Stronger Connections

Please take the time to help us plan for your visit to Brooks and the Alberta Elks Association Conference 2022. Sessions are planned to be held at the JBS Centre and General Information and Forms are attached. More information will be available in the newsletter and on our website as it becomes available.

Regular Early Bird Deadline: \$175.00 April 30, 2022
after May 1, 2022 Regular Registration \$200.00

Send registrations to:
Brooks Elks Lodge # 77
Box 1274
Brooks, Alberta
T1R 1C1

ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION 2021 PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

June 3 - 5, 2022

Brooks Elks Lodge # 77

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The prices for the Conference Booklet are as follows:

Business Card 2 ¼ x 3 ½ \$ 50.00
1/4 Page 2 ¼ x 7 ½ \$ 85.00 3 ¼ x 5 (Portrait)
1/2 Page 5 x 7 ½ \$ 150.00
Ad Size 7 ½ x 10
Full Page \$ 250.00



Deadline date for the booklet is April 1, 2022 To be able to offer these rates, we request that you have your ad digitally designed and Email as a PDF file. EMAIL: brooks77@abelks.org. If you need further information or have questions or concerns. Please Email brooks77@abelks.org

ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION



53rd ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize

\$30,000 CASH

Second Prize

\$10,000 CASH

Third Prize

\$5,000 CASH

Fourth Prize

**\$1500 in
Fas Gas
Gift Cards**



PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE
US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research
Training, Research and Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children
Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

Tickets
\$2 OR 3\$5
each for

30% of all Ticket sales go directly back to the
selling Lodges to invest in their communities

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 9, 2022

All Draws to take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St. Didsbury, AB

Early Bird Draws

February 10, 2022
\$500 Fas Gas Gift Card

March 10, 2022
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

April 14, 2022
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact

Online sales
www.elksofalberta.ca

78,350 TICKETS PRINTED Tickets may only be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets not to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years. LICENSE NO. 576435

**THE ALBERTA ELKS
FOUNDATION
WOULD LIKE TO
SAY A BIG THANK
YOU TO GERARD
HERMARY OF THE
RED DEER ELKS
AND THE MEMBERS
OF THE RED DEER
ELKS FOR TAKING
ON THE CARE AND
STORAGE OF THE
PARADE FLOAT**



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ELKS OF CANADA
SATURDAY
APRIL 9
/2022

**CASINO
FUNDRAISING EVENT**
Hosted by GP Elks Lodge & Steel Wheel Entertainment
@ the Elks Lodge 10806 106 St Grande Prairie
FEE: \$120 INCLUDES: LUNCH/SNACKS/DINNER
All-Day Texas Hold'Em Action
and a chance to WIN MANY PRIZES!!!!
*Door Prizes, Draws, Games of Skill = More PRIZES
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM, GAMES
START AT 11 AM AND WILL RUN UNTIL 11 PM.
Pre-REGISTRATION Required with E-Transfer
gp_elks@telus.net by April 2, 2022
Questions-Email/Call 587-726-9085/Facebook
No Minors Allowed. COVID19- Government Protocols Must Be Followed.

COMING SOON

**Heisler Elks
Pancake
Breakfast**
MARCH 20, 2022
9:00AM - 12:00



**Heisler Elks
Pork Chop
Supper**
SATURDAY
APRIL 30, 2022
COCKTAILS 6:00
SUPPER 7:00
TICKETS \$40.00
FOR TICKETS CONTACT
JAMES: 780-679-3979



With sadness we share with you the following



"It is the hour of eleven when all Elks cease from their labours and again renew within their hearts their obligations to each other with special regard to our absent and departed Members"



Brother Stanley Marshall
October 27, 1944
~
January 15, 2022
Delia Elks Lodge



Brother Russel Holben
January 26, 1954
-
February 9, 2022
Camrose Elks Lodge



Brother Ken (K.A) Anderson
~February 13, 2022
Dawson Creek Elks Lodge



Brother Henk van der Zouwen
Breton Elks Lodge
~February 14, 2022



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